

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A combination comprising a container and an empty bag that can be unfolded from a flat, empty state into a filled final state;

wherein the container has a walled enclosure that defines a container chamber, which walled enclosure comprises a base and a peripheral wall that is upright in the height direction from the base;

wherein the bag comprises a first, a second, a third and a fourth sheet for forming, respectively, a first, second, third and fourth bag wall;

wherein the first sheet is joined to the second sheet via the third and the fourth sheet;

wherein, in the flat empty state, the third and the fourth sheet are each folded along a fold line;

wherein, in the flat, empty state, the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet are between the first and the second sheet facing one another;

wherein the fold lines extend essentially in the height direction of the container;

wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a first opening for emptying the bag, the first opening being connected to the peripheral wall;

wherein the foldable bag in the filled final state has dimensions that essentially correspond to those of the container chamber;

wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a second opening for filling the bag;

wherein the first opening and second opening are fixed to the walled enclosure;

wherein the first opening is provided at the base of the container and the second opening is provided at the top of the peripheral wall such that, between the first opening and second opening, the bag is in contact with the peripheral wall over essentially the entire height of the peripheral wall as well that, with the container upright and from the flat, empty state, the bag unfolds from the first opening along the base and from the base into the top of the container chamber, wherein the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet in the initial state extends extend underneath the first opening to form a channel between the first and

second sheet past the first opening, and wherein the bag is folded along an upper axis and a lower axis to define a U shape, with a bottom section of the bag that adjoins a base end of the channel and is configured to flap open around the lower axis and expand as it collects a first portion of liquid received in the bag.

2. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the container chamber is essentially block-shaped or cylindrical.

3. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 2,

wherein the first and second sheet each have two mutually parallel side edges running in the height direction;

wherein the first sheet is joined together with the third and fourth sheet and, the second sheet is joined together with the third and fourth sheet at the tops and bottoms thereof along an oblique seal, viewed with respect to the side edges, such that in the completely filled state the seals essentially determine the diagonals of the bottom surface and the top surface of the bag.

4. (Currently amended) The combination according to claim 3,

wherein ~~a top-rib/axis~~ the upper axis runs between the outward-pointing ends of the top oblique seals of the first sheet; and

wherein ~~a bottom-rib/axis~~ the lower axis runs between the outward-pointing ends of the bottom oblique seals of the first sheet, wherein the first opening is provided at the ~~bottom-rib/axis~~ lower axis; and

wherein the second opening is provided at the ~~top-rib/axis~~ upper axis.

5. (Currently amended) The combination according to claim 4, wherein the distance from the second opening to the ~~top-rib/axis~~ upper axis is at most 25% of the depth of the container

chamber, viewed horizontally and transversely to the ~~top-rib/axis~~ upper axis, wherein said distance is at most 15% of said depth.

6. (Currently amended) The combination according to claim 4, wherein the distance from, on the one hand, the first opening to the ~~bottom-rib/axis~~ lower axis is at most 25% of the depth of the container chamber, viewed horizontally and transversely to the ~~bottom-rib/axis~~ lower axis, wherein said distance is at most 15% of said depth.

7. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the walled enclosure of the container has a ceiling that delimits the container chamber from above and wherein a portion of the bag facing upwards in the filled final state is provided with the second opening.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 7 wherein the first opening has been made close to the longitudinal center line of the first sheet, wherein the fold lines in the third and fourth sheet in the initial state extend essentially parallel to and close to said longitudinal center line.

11. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 9, wherein the distance between the fold line in, respectively, the third and fourth sheet in the initial state is less than 90%, preferably less than 80%, of the diameter of the opening.

12. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 9, wherein, viewed transversely to the fold line of the third sheet, the greatest distance to the periphery of the opening of the first opening is at least 5% of the maximum passage width of said opening, viewed transversely to the fold line of the third sheet.

13. (Previously presented) The combination according to claim 9, wherein, viewed transversely to the fold line of the fourth sheet, the greatest distance to the periphery of the first opening is at least 5% of the maximum passage width of said opening, viewed transversely to the fold line of the fourth sheet.

14. (Currently amended) A method for the use of a combination comprising a container and an empty bag that can be unfolded from a flat, empty state into a filled final state;

wherein the container has a walled enclosure that defines a container chamber, which walled enclosure comprises a base and a peripheral wall that is upright in the height direction from the base;

wherein the bag comprises a first, a second, a third and a fourth sheet for forming, respectively, a first, second third and fourth bag wall;

wherein the first sheet is joined to the second sheet via the third and the fourth sheet;

wherein, in the flat empty state, the third and the fourth sheet are each folded along a fold line;

wherein, in the flat, empty state, the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet are between the first and the second sheet facing one another;

wherein the fold lines extend essentially in the height direction of the container;

wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a first opening for emptying the bag, the first opening being connected to the peripheral wall;

wherein the foldable bag in the filled final state has dimensions that essentially correspond to those of the container chamber;

wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a second opening for filling the bag;

wherein the first opening and second opening are fixed to the walled enclosure;

wherein the first opening is provided at the base of the container and the second opening is provided at the top of the peripheral wall such that, between the first opening and second opening, the bag is in contact with the peripheral wall over essentially the entire height of the peripheral wall as well that, with the container upright and

from the flat, empty state, the bag unfolds from the first opening along the base and from the base into the top of the container chamber, wherein the fold line lines of the third sheet and the fourth sheet in the initial state extends extend underneath the first opening to form a channel between the first and second sheet past the first opening; and

wherein the flat empty bag is first fixed at the first and second opening against the walled enclosure of the container chamber and only then is the bag filled with a filling via the second opening, and wherein the bag is folded along an upper axis and a lower axis to define a U shape, with a bottom section of the bag that adjoins a base end of the channel and is configured to flap open around the lower axis and expand as it collects a first portion of liquid received in the bag.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the bag is emptied via the first opening.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein a final portion of the bag is emptied via the first opening.

17. (New) The combination according to claim 1, in which the first opening and second opening are fixed to the walled enclosure by means that include connection stubs and retaining members.

18. (New) A combination comprising a container and an empty bag that can be unfolded from a flat, empty state into a filled final state;

wherein the container has a walled enclosure that defines a container chamber, which walled enclosure comprises a base and a peripheral wall that is upright in the height direction from the base;

wherein the bag comprises a first, a second, a third and a fourth sheet for forming, respectively, a first, second, third and fourth bag wall;

wherein the first sheet is joined to the second sheet via the third and the fourth sheet;
wherein, in the flat empty state, the third and the fourth sheet are each folded along a fold line;
wherein, in the flat, empty state, the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet are between the first and the second sheet facing one another;
wherein the fold lines extend essentially in the height direction of the container;
wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a first opening for emptying the bag, the first opening being connected to the peripheral wall;
wherein the foldable bag in the filled final state has dimensions that essentially correspond to those of the container chamber;
wherein the first sheet of the bag is provided with a second opening for filling the bag;
wherein the first opening and second opening are fixed to the walled enclosure;
wherein the first opening is provided at the base of the container and the second opening is provided at the top of the peripheral wall such that, between the first opening and second opening, the bag is in contact with the peripheral wall over essentially the entire height of the peripheral wall as well that, with the container upright and from the flat, empty state, the bag unfolds from the first opening along the base and from the base into the top of the container chamber, wherein the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet in the initial state extend underneath the first opening to form a channel between the first and second sheet past the first opening, and wherein the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet in the initial state are separated from each other by a distance such that a majority of the diameter of the first opening lies between the fold line of the third sheet and the fold line of the fourth sheet in the initial state.